

other lectures in the series. "The other ones focused each on a case study -- for example, Chesapeake Bay or the Long Island Sound," she said. Howarth is the David R. Atkinson Professor of Ecology and Environmental Biology at Cornell University. He has also served as the editor-in-chief of the scientific journal "Biogeochemistry" for the past 20 years. Copyright c 1995-2003 Yale Daily News Publishing Company, Inc. All rights reserved.

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**"MacDermid Completes Environmental Probation"**

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Two years after agreeing to pay \$4 million for violating the Clean Water Act, MacDermid Inc. said it has completed the probation that was part of its settlement with environmental regulators. The two-year probation, which ended Friday according to a filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, involved additional oversight designed to ensure the city-based specialty chemical maker did not repeat mishandlings of its wastewater. Finishing the probation closes the door on environmental issues the company cited among the reasons for its diminishing city presence in recent years, including plans to move its corporate executive staff by next summer to Denver. The November 2001 settlements with the Environmental Protection Agency and Connecticut's Department of Environmental Protection stemmed from investigations into handling of wastewater at MacDermid's Waterbury units. As part of its probation, the company was required to perform environmental audits at its Freight Street and former Huntingdon Avenue operations in the city. As part of the \$4 million in penalties, the company paid more than \$1.5 million to local charitable organizations, including \$1 million to the United Way of Greater Waterbury and \$550,000 to the Naugatuck River Watershed Fund. "It was a black chapter in our history that I'm glad to see closed," said Daniel H. Leever, MacDermid's chairman and chief executive officer. "We're focusing on the future." Headquartered on Freight Street, MacDermid employs about 190 people in Waterbury and roughly 3,500 people worldwide manufacturing specialty chemicals for use in electronics, graphic arts and industrial areas, including printed circuit boards, printing, manufacturing and deep sea drilling. Though still technically based in Waterbury, the company recently bought a Denver office building, where it plans to move its corporate executive staff by next summer. Federal prosecutors launched their investigation in 1997, alleging employees at MacDermid's now-closed Huntingdon Avenue plant falsified records documenting the toxicity levels of wastewater released into Waterbury's sewer system. State regulators sued MacDermid in July 1999, alleging that the company violated environmental laws by illegally discharging chemicals into the Naugatuck River. The company resolved the suits by agreeing to pay the \$4 million, pleading guilty to four felony violations of the federal Clean Water Act and admitting six employees fixed records to hide true toxicity levels of wastewater. At the time, the company said it brought the matters to the attention of regulators voluntarily and believed its alleged actions caused no environmental harm. The allegations, however, have been a sore spot with the company. Leever has said "abusive government interference" and Connecticut's adversarial regulatory climate were factors behind the company's decisions to minimize its operations in the state. Federal and state officials, however, have said they owe no apologies for the regulatory actions. "The bottom line is we're obligated to enforce the laws," said Connecticut U.S. Attorney Kevin O'Connor. "That matter has been resolved. As long as MacDermid is complying with environmental laws, they won't have any reason to worry about what this office is doing."

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